

DADE COUNTY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 1, 2012

1 MR. RUMLEY: We'll go ahead and call  
2 the meeting to order. We appreciate all of y'all  
3 being here. We have a full house tonight. It makes  
4 you feel good. Tonight -- we'll get into this a  
5 little later. We've got our ladies -- girls  
6 softball team from the high school. We'll talk  
7 about them a little bit later in the meeting. They  
8 took up all of one section here. Parents, too.

9 But as always, when we start our  
10 meetings, we'll ask Brother Goff here to lead us in  
11 prayer and also the Pledge of Allegiance to the  
12 flag.

13 (Thereupon, the invocation and  
14 Pledge of Allegiance were given.)

15 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Robert. This  
16 is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Dade  
17 County Board of Commissioners which takes place at  
18 the same time on the first Thursday of every month.  
19 Proper notice of this meeting was given in the legal  
20 organ of the Dade County Sentinel and has been  
21 posted in the hallway of the Administrative  
22 Building. At this time I need a roll call.  
23 Mr. Cervelli?

24 MR. CERVELLI: Here.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

1 MR. GOFF: Here.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

3 MR. PITTMAN: Here.

4 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

5 MR. SMITH: Here.

6 MR. RUMLEY: The chair is present. All  
7 right. Mitchell, do you want to start with your  
8 district -- or committee report?

9 MR. SMITH: I'll make it short and  
10 sweet. The pavers have been put up for the time  
11 being because of weather. When it comes springtime,  
12 they're all available to start some more paving.  
13 And to the gentleman on the other end, the last 22  
14 months has been a pleasure and privilege, sir.

15 MR. CERVELLI: Well, thank you. I'm  
16 still going to be here for a while.

17 MR. RUMLEY: You've got one more  
18 meeting. He's trying to rush you, Peter

19 MR. CERVELLI: I know.

20 MR. SMITH: Robert, there's no telling  
21 what he'll do.

22 MR. RUMLEY: Scottie?

23 MR. PITTMAN: Again, I don't have a  
24 whole lot. I want to urge everybody if you have not  
25 got out and voted, you need to do so. Election is

1 Tuesday. No matter which way you vote, voting is a  
2 privilege. It's something that people should get  
3 out and do, no matter which way you lean. Whether  
4 it's Democrat, Republican or what. Nobody up here  
5 is in danger of losing their seat right now, so I  
6 don't have to put a pitch in for either one of these  
7 guys, maybe Robert. I think you do have to get one  
8 vote to make it through the election.

9 MR. GOFF: I'm still working on it.

10 MR. CERVELLI: I voted for him. It's  
11 all right.

12 MR. PITTMAN: Again, you do need to get  
13 out and vote. I've done so already. I was going to  
14 mention these girls, but I think everybody knows  
15 they're here already. I won't mention them right  
16 now. We'll wait until the time comes. That's all I  
17 have.

18 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, Scottie.  
19 Robert Goff?

20 MR. GOFF: Ditto on everything they  
21 said. I know coming up this weekend there's a lot  
22 of things that are happening. I know Chairman  
23 Rumley has some fliers here in front of him, I  
24 guess, for some of them. One I want to mention is  
25 at Peewee Payne's on Saturday beginning at 11:00 is

1 a benefit for Bridgett -- it's Peewee's niece.  
2 Leonard, we call him Bozo. Everybody knows him as  
3 Bozo. It's his daughter and if you get an  
4 opportunity to go by, that's down on Cureton Mill  
5 Road down on the creek and it's a beautiful place  
6 down there. If you get an oppporunity to go by,  
7 it's a fundraiser for her. She's been having to go,  
8 I think, to Texas for some things. So all these  
9 things that are coming up this time of year, the  
10 little things that are coming up to get people  
11 together and it's very enjoyable.

12 Just reporting kind of on the front,  
13 the legislative front again. Ted and I were in a  
14 meeting this morning, our ACCG district meeting and  
15 the talk is already beginning and we have  
16 Mr. Deffenbaugh come in that may be our  
17 representative in Washington -- I moved you up,  
18 John, but it's okay. You'll be up there with Jeff  
19 Mullis.

20 But, you know, that's legislative  
21 session will start in just two months basically and  
22 there's things that are on it that are going to  
23 affect counties that we're dealing with and it's  
24 kind of good to hear them say -- some of the  
25 representatives say that have served as county

1 commissioners, that they realized things, how it  
2 comes down to -- they didn't mean us. They meant  
3 you. They meant us as the county, the landowner, if  
4 you would. So stay abreast of things that are  
5 coming as you hear about them, make phone calls and  
6 stuff because it really does -- I think it makes a  
7 difference and that's what they're there for is to  
8 represent the people.

9           On the front of our facilities down at  
10 the four fields, I just had a few things that have  
11 come to mind that have been brought to my attention.  
12 I don't think it's terribly serious yet, but some of  
13 our facilities are being used for things that they  
14 weren't built for, namely what we call the soccer  
15 fields. They're not driving ranges and they're  
16 not -- certainly not a place for people to go out  
17 and try out their four-wheelers and things like that  
18 on. I know the press is going to report on what I  
19 say and it's going to be in the minutes, but they're  
20 there for a reason and, yes, we're all taxpayers,  
21 but I told somebody the other day. It may sound  
22 terrible and I hope if you tell Coach Hicks I said  
23 this, make sure you tell him the way I said it. If  
24 that were true, I'm going to put on my new golf  
25 spikes and go hit a few out of the new gym or off



1 the new gym floor because I'm a taxpayer. No, it's  
2 built for basketball and recreation. So we do have  
3 facilities for that, but it's just some things that  
4 are coming to my attention and we need -- if you see  
5 somebody doing something it's not made for, then  
6 call one of us and tell us and we'll try our best to  
7 get a handle on it because we have some great  
8 facilities, some beautiful facilities and we want to  
9 keep them that way.

10 And then finally before we get into our  
11 girls here that's already been mentioned, our middle  
12 school boys' football team was in the playoffs as  
13 well the other evening. They did lose, but they had  
14 a great season and our JV/Varsity football team went  
15 seven and zero. Seven is all the games they played  
16 and they didn't lose a one. So our hats off to them  
17 as well as these girls here and everybody that's  
18 part of the -- any sport because it's great for our  
19 school. It's great for our students. It's great  
20 for our community. So thank you, girls.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Are you finished?

22 MR. GOFF: For now. Scottie gave me  
23 his time.

24 MR. RUMLEY: What Commissioner Goff is  
25 talking about, the golf, what happened, they're

1 throwing their golf balls out there and when they  
2 mow the grass -- he was actually mowing the other  
3 day and if you hit one of those golf balls that  
4 comes out of there, it's dangerous. If it hits you  
5 in the head, it would probably kill you. I mean, he  
6 actually said he hit one or hit several and it went  
7 all the way over across Highway 11. It's just  
8 dangerous, you know, truly. And also, we've had  
9 some of the kids that's actually fell down there  
10 playing and hit it and rolled out from under them.  
11 It's not a good thing. Peter, Peter Cervelli?

12 MR. CERVELLI: Thank you. Just one  
13 more thing on the terrible storm up north. I have  
14 friends and relatives in New Jersey and on Long  
15 Island. They have no power. They're cold and  
16 there's probably 600 miles of coastline that has  
17 been devastated between Long Island and New Jersey.  
18 And so if it's within your means and if there's an  
19 organization of your choice, if you can afford to  
20 help, I'm sure those folks up there would appreciate  
21 it. Luckily, no one I know has lost their home.  
22 Some have been very close, to either water in their  
23 front yard or took the house three houses away from  
24 them, but never got to their home. So I don't know  
25 anyone who has lost a home, but I know they're cold



1 because I've talked to them. So keep them in your  
2 prayers and if you can help in any way, I'm sure  
3 they would be very grateful for that.

4 In terms of our finances, I would like  
5 to talk about our local option sales tax. In  
6 October we collected \$152,558. We collected  
7 \$180,000 for the same month last year. That's  
8 12 percent less than a year ago, same time. What's  
9 more interesting is we've also dropped about  
10 six percent from just September of this month.  
11 Sales tax has been staying in a narrow range. Local  
12 option sales tax between 160 and 170,000. Well,  
13 it's dropped below that 160 number for the first  
14 time. I keep the trending of this and the trends  
15 are not positive. They've actually been negative  
16 for a long time.

17 We've been ahead of what we collected  
18 last year for quite a while, but that gap has been  
19 narrowing. We're down only about one and a half  
20 percent than we collected the same 12 months last  
21 year. And if it keeps going the way it is, we  
22 actually may collect less than we collected 12  
23 months ago. So the buy word for the Commission and  
24 our departments is be very cautious with your  
25 spending right now.

1                   S.P.L.O.S.T, we collected \$190,697 in  
2   October. Of course, the same trends are true for  
3   S.P.L.O.S.T as it is for local option sales tax. In  
4   terms of our budget, we're reporting on the  
5   September budget. That's about 25 percent of our  
6   year already is gone. It's hard to believe that  
7   25 percent of our financial year is already behind  
8   us. We've attained about 12.4 percent of revenue  
9   and about 20.66 percent of expenses. Now, that  
10   revenue number is low because we haven't started to  
11   collect our property taxes in September and so we're  
12   negative about \$733,000 year-to-date, but there's a  
13   couple of points to remember. We have gotten our  
14   600-plus thousand dollar check from sales of  
15   insurance tax premiums, which came in October, so we  
16   were expecting that. That's going to help,  
17   obviously, that negative \$700,000 number. I  
18   understand our property tax collections are coming  
19   in at a rate better than they ever have and so our  
20   cash flow problem has been taken care of and we're  
21   doing well in terms of tax collections at this  
22   point.

23                   In terms of how well we're budgeting,  
24   one of the measures we have is not only where we  
25   stand in how much we've collected, but where we had

1 guessing at how much we'd spend and have by this  
2 point in time and we're only off by about 133,000 in  
3 terms of our speculation, Don's speculation mostly  
4 and so we're doing pretty good at deciding where  
5 we'd be at this point. So no surprises, a little  
6 better than we thought in terms of our budgeting,  
7 but we need to watch sales tax. That's it.

8 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Thank you. Talking  
9 about the collections, Angie did come over today and  
10 she said they had been close -- collected a little  
11 over \$800,000, so it's really good. Of course,  
12 the -- our tax -- our tax bills went out early this  
13 year, earlier than ever. It's good, really good.

14 But we had a pretty busy week. We'll  
15 start with our ribbon cutting over there. We  
16 mentioned it last month. We did have a new  
17 supermarket go in, business over in the old Food  
18 Lion building. I talked to some people over there.  
19 They seem like they're doing well. People are  
20 hopefully patronizing them. All of our stores, too.  
21 We're proud to have them here.

22 We had -- like Robert said today, we  
23 did attend an ACCG meeting down in Calhoun. What  
24 this is, it was commissioners from all over --  
25 actually, all over our district and state and it was

1 a real informative meeting. They touched on the  
2 energy excise tax, which a lot of you have been  
3 coming up with this and talked about in the last few  
4 meeting. We did find out most counties are actually  
5 going to keep that tax intact on energy pertaining  
6 to industry for at least a year to kind of actually  
7 see what we would lose if we did do away with it.  
8 That was a real informative meeting.

9           Also, they touched base on our -- after  
10 March, our sales tax on automobiles and that's  
11 something that will affect everyone. It will affect  
12 even new ones as you buy a car and your parents buy  
13 a car. After March, you'll pay -- there will be no  
14 sales tax on automobiles, but what you'll do is  
15 you'll come in and you'll pay -- starting off,  
16 you'll pay seven and a half percent one time when  
17 you buy that car whether it's a \$50,000 car or  
18 whether it's a \$5,000 car or whatever, you'll pay  
19 that tax. I don't know if you really call it a tax.  
20 Anyway, you'll pay that off the book value of that  
21 car and from there on, you'll have to buy a tag for  
22 it and that -- that sounds good. It's going to work  
23 good for some people. Some people it's not going to  
24 be so good because cars we have now, we'll still pay  
25 that ad valorem tax on our cars until we sell them.

1 So if you buy a new car now, you know, you'll go and  
2 pay that one time tax. You'll not have to pay that  
3 so-called birthday tax from there on.

4 Another thing they did to it, you know,  
5 it sounds good, but after about the third year,  
6 we're going to really be able to see how it's going  
7 to affect our tax base because for all the sales tax  
8 that we're not charging on cars, we're losing our  
9 L.O.S.T. off that and our S.P.L.O.S.T. penny. So  
10 after a few years, we'll be able -- a couple of  
11 years, we'll be able to see just how that's going to  
12 affect. It's supposed to balance out, but that was  
13 a big concern with the people, the group we met with  
14 today. We'll just see how that goes.

15 We did -- we've got a good report from  
16 the hospital. It actually showed actually a profit  
17 and also -- we showed not just a profit on the  
18 hospital, but overall. Evan is on our hospital  
19 board and they give a report back to us every month,  
20 every financial meeting and we do a financial  
21 report. That's good. That's our hospital,  
22 Hutcheson.

23 Compared to a year ago, I said this  
24 last month, but they were losing right around a  
25 million, 1.1 million a month, if you can imagine



1 losing that much money. They're really doing a real  
2 good -- working on turning that hospital around and  
3 we're proud of that.

4 Our jail kitchen, this month, we  
5 actually got a bill here from them this month and it  
6 was 1,796, so we're doing real well with that.  
7 That's about half of what it was normally. We're  
8 running about 50 people, 47 people. So that's good.  
9 If y'all don't know what we're talking about, we  
10 just have built a new kitchen in our jail. We've  
11 always before subbed it out to restaurants and we  
12 actually got it up and running just a few months  
13 ago, so that's what we're reporting on it. We did  
14 that not only to have a facility there in the jail,  
15 but it's actually saving us about 150, 125, 150,000  
16 a year in tax money.

17 The -- we had some issues this past  
18 month with the railroad. Scottie, you don't need to  
19 hear this. He works for Southern, but I have talked  
20 with them. We're having some issues up north of  
21 Trenton with those people up there with trains  
22 staying on the tracks for a lengthy time and they've  
23 assured me they're working on that. It's actually  
24 pertaining to the unloading and loading, offloading  
25 of cars in Wauhatchee, so we are working on that. I



1 have contacted them. Hopefully, it will get better.  
2 Also, we did have a derailment. I think Scottie was  
3 up there. He was operating the engine, but that was  
4 really a scary thing. Fortunately, no one got hurt,  
5 but they are up there salvaging the cars right now  
6 trying to get those -- get it cleaned up.

7 Let's see, Covenant College, we've  
8 got -- went out this month, first of the month with  
9 Robert and Peter. We went out, was invited to  
10 the -- actually swearing in of the new president,  
11 Chancellor, I guess, we call him. Peter, isn't he  
12 just the fifth or the sixth?

13 MR. CERVELLI: Yeah, I think.

14 MR. RUMLEY: They've had very few since  
15 the college, but that was a special event. It was  
16 really -- actually an all-day ceremony. We went for  
17 a couple of hours. It was a special time and we met  
18 some Dade County people out there and talked to  
19 them. We all had a good time out there.

20 Let's see, I touched on one other  
21 thing. I had a call -- actually, I've had a couple  
22 of calls on this, but this time of the year, our  
23 Lookout -- I mean, our Northwest Georgia Community  
24 Services which actually help the elderly, they have  
25 a program where it helps them purchase either

1 propane or help pay their electric bills. This is a  
2 time that you go in and sign up for that. Well,  
3 we've got some issues now with one in particular  
4 elderly lady. She's in her late eighties. She's  
5 had a stroke. She can't get out of bed, but they  
6 would not help her because she didn't -- her people  
7 didn't have a photo ID of her and she'd been  
8 receiving this for years and so I just -- I want to  
9 tell everyone out there in TV land, I'm working on  
10 this. There's not anything I can do about the photo  
11 ID thing. We're trying to work where maybe we can  
12 have a local hub where you can actually acquire a  
13 photo ID. Don't panic because what they're doing,  
14 they're telling them they have to go to Rock  
15 Springs, Georgia, to the driver's license, which is  
16 another nightmare. So just bear with us on it and  
17 hopefully we can resolve this by next week because  
18 we do have the -- well, the actual voting people,  
19 has the capability to do it, but I found out it is a  
20 State owned machine and they can only do it for  
21 voting purposes, so that's -- I'm going to call our  
22 senators, our senator and legislator. Bear with us  
23 on that. It might not sound like a big deal to a  
24 lot of y'all, but these people here are really in  
25 need. It's serious to them.

1           Anyone else got anything they want to  
2 touch on? I've got some announcements here. Like  
3 Robert and Peter both said, we've got some things  
4 coming up this weekend and try to remember Peewee  
5 Payne's place down there, go down to that benefit.  
6 It's going to be really -- they'll have music and  
7 food and it's for a really good cause. The girl,  
8 she's his niece and does have cancer. It's a  
9 strange type of cancer and she has been staying in  
10 Texas and back and forth. They really have  
11 accumulated a lot of bills. Try to go down there  
12 Saturday if you can.

13           There's also going to be a chili and  
14 hot dog supper. This is at the Trenton Masonic  
15 Lodge. It's sponsored by the Eastern Star and it's  
16 going to be Saturday, November 3rd. It will be  
17 from 5:00 to 8:00. It will be \$5 a plate if you buy  
18 the tickets beforehand. Several people around town  
19 are selling them. The tickets are \$6 at the door.  
20 That will be a good time there. Also, we're having  
21 a motorcycle, Jeep and classic car toy ride. This  
22 is 10:00 a.m. November 10th and it's sponsored by  
23 the Trenton Masonic Lodge number 179 and they'll be  
24 hosting it. It's going to take place in the Ingle's  
25 parking lot and will end at the Masonic Lodge.

1 There will be a free hot dog and chili lunch. It  
2 says there will also be an all-you-can-eat breakfast  
3 that morning at the lodge starting at 6:00 in the  
4 morning and it's all you can eat for \$5 a person.

5 Also, the Dade County government  
6 offices, we will be closed in observance of  
7 Veteran's Day and that's on Monday, November 12th,  
8 2012. Again, have you got anything to add? All  
9 right. We'll move on with the meeting. We're going  
10 to move on to what everyone came for tonight. We do  
11 have -- as I said, we've got a group of special  
12 people here tonight. This is our girls' softball  
13 team, fast pitch softball team. Look at them  
14 grinning. They're all turning kind of red. They  
15 don't really know this, but they're going to stand  
16 up and I want each one of them and I want Evan to  
17 have this on the screen. If y'all can come up here  
18 in front, we've also got a proclamation that we've  
19 done here, our Commission has and I'll read that to  
20 you. We've got you a cake in the back kind of  
21 personalized, you know, Bi-Lo special. Of course, I  
22 did make it. It's a good cake and we want to -- we  
23 want y'all to come up in front of us here and I'll  
24 read this proclamation. Come on.

25 I'll go ahead and read the proclamation

1 and then when we get through, I'm going to ask --  
2 I'll start on the end over here. We only have  
3 senior here with this group, too. Three. All  
4 right, Dianne, you told me wrong. But when I read  
5 the proclamation, we'll go ahead and I'll start on  
6 this end. I want each one of you to kind of step  
7 forward and tell them who you are and who your  
8 parents are.

9           The proclamation, it says whereas,  
10 youth sports in Dade County are great teaching tools  
11 for accomplishing goals, developing leadership, and  
12 promoting sportsmanship for young people. Whereas,  
13 competitive and recreational sports have assisted in  
14 the growth and development of thousands of youth in  
15 Dade County for many years. Whereas, Dade County  
16 Parks and Dade Recreation encourages young people,  
17 young adults to become more involved in their  
18 community through sports offered by local leagues  
19 and youth athletic associations in Dade County.  
20 Whereas, Dade County Schools, coaches and local  
21 directors are devoting their time, talents and  
22 leadership and resources to serving these leaders of  
23 tomorrow. Whereas, through the hard work and  
24 determination of these players and coaches, they  
25 have represented Dade County and their school in an



1 honorable fashion at every level of play. Whereas,  
2 the Dade County Schools encourages our youth to  
3 participate in extracurricular activities such as  
4 sports; and whereas, the Lady Wolverines fast-pitch  
5 softball team won the 2012 state championship.

6 Whereas, we, the Board of Commissioners, recognize  
7 the contributions of these coaches, volunteers and  
8 achievements of these players, and in doing so, call  
9 on our citizens to recognize and congratulate them.

10 Now therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of  
11 Commissioners of Dade County, Georgia, hereby  
12 proclaim the week of November 11th through 17th,  
13 2012, as the Lady Wolverine Fast Pitch Softball Team  
14 Week in Dade County, Georgia, and urge all citizens  
15 to recognize and congratulate each member of the  
16 team for all their hard work. Let's give them all a  
17 hand.

18           Okay. If you would, let's start right  
19 here at the end. Step forward, take a step and look  
20 at the camera because you are on TV right now. Tell  
21 them who you are and your parents' names, if you  
22 would.

23  
24           MR. RUMLEY: We have a copy for each of  
25 you, if you want this. It may be something you want



1 to take and start your collection, your framing of  
2 and I'll give each one of you one and I also have  
3 one for the coaches. You may want to take to  
4 school. We appreciate all of y'all coming. Please  
5 eat all the cake back there you can. There's coffee  
6 and water back there, too.

7 I appreciate your parents, too, parents  
8 and teachers because if not for y'all, this wouldn't  
9 happen. I know you've spent a lot of time back and  
10 forth to practice and actually traveling on the  
11 road. I know it's -- we just appreciate all of you.  
12 We -- you know, have y'all got anything you want to  
13 add? I know you do, Robert.

14 MR. GOFF: Great job and I just -- wait  
15 until next year when we see the repeat.

16 MR. RUMLEY: I don't think there's --  
17 there's very few people that have cable TV in Dade  
18 County, honestly, girls, that were not watching  
19 y'all. We were out here. We had that thing on the  
20 square that night. I was coming back and forth and  
21 we were keeping up with what was going on. And  
22 thanks to Evan and modern technology, he was Skyping  
23 so we could see everything that was going on,  
24 everything. So we do appreciate y'all.

25 Okay. Don Townsend, I'll turn it over

1 to you for our monthly financial report. He's our  
2 chief financial officer.

3 MR. TOWNSEND: Okay. I'll make it  
4 quick since we have cake involved. Okay.  
5 October 31st, 2012, the general fund had a balance  
6 of \$167,992; Federal Asset Fund, U.S. Treasury,  
7 \$288; Sheriff's Special Fund, \$6,473; Drug Abuse  
8 Education Fund, \$108,765; Supplement Juvenile  
9 Services Fund, \$21,235; Victim Assistance Fund,  
10 \$9,746; General Fund, \$17,130; Federal Asset Fund,  
11 Department of Justice, \$3,162; Payroll Account  
12 \$142,103. S.P.L.O.S.T., Construction Fund, \$14,330;  
13 Project Account for S.P.L.O.S.T. is \$8,030.  
14 Proceeds account, \$194,017.

15 You see the proceeds account drop  
16 significantly since last month. It was over a  
17 million and we paid our third bond payment, so we  
18 will start building that up again. And the next  
19 page, as you can see, is our revenue for the month  
20 of September 30th. As Commissioner Cervelli  
21 noted, it's 25 percent of the year gone. We have  
22 collected -- for September, \$393,027 and for year  
23 today, \$1,107,975. Expenditures for the month of  
24 September was \$586,682 and year-to-date was  
25 \$1,841,884. With the budget attained of 25 percent,

1 revenues attained at 12.43 percent. Expenses  
2 attained was 20.66 percent, so both are under.

3 We'll see -- we did get, as so noted,  
4 again the Tax Commissioner's Office noted that  
5 October was the highest collection in the history of  
6 the Tax Commissioner's Office, but a lot of that had  
7 to do with the bills going out early, so that's  
8 good. It's good for our cash flow situation we've  
9 had.

10 Revenues less expenses for September  
11 was down, \$193,654. And revenue less expenses  
12 year-to-date was short \$733,188, but things are  
13 about to change. So October looked a lot better and  
14 November is looking better.

15 If you flip over toward the back of  
16 that section, see the S.P.L.O.S.T., the L.O.S.T.,  
17 which is the local option sales tax, special purpose  
18 local option sales tax and right prior to those  
19 reports, there is a report. It says Dade County Tax  
20 Commissioners office year-to-date tax collections  
21 for 2013 and as of 10 -- October 1st, we had only  
22 collected at 3.89 percent, but again, that's as of  
23 October 1st. Primarily a period -- for the period  
24 of August, so you'll see this dramatically go up in  
25 the next couple of months. That's it.

1 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you. Any questions  
2 or comments, corrections? If there's no questions,  
3 I'll entertain a motion to approve the financial as  
4 presented by Mr. Townsend. Do I hear a motion?

5 MR. SMITH: Motion to approve.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Second?

7 MR. GOFF: I second.

8 MR. RUMLEY: I'll call a vote. Mr.  
9 Cervelli?

10 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

12 MR. GOFF: Yes.

13 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?

14 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

15 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

16 MR. SMITH: Yes.

17 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

18 Robin, do you have anything you want to  
19 talk to us about tonight?

20 MR. ROGERS: No. There's been no new  
21 hearings scheduled or held in the bankruptcy matter,  
22 the TAS bankruptcy matter this past month and  
23 there's really nothing new to report.

24 MR. RUMLEY: On the bonding company  
25 issue now, that's -- I had a little conversation

1 with Patrick today saying that y'all are working on  
2 that. I think he's corresponding with you and y'all  
3 are actually --

4 MR. ROGERS: The Sheriff's Department  
5 is working to go through the records there and it  
6 goes over several years and so he'll -- he and his  
7 staff are working very hard on that and I think  
8 we'll have something.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Good. Any  
10 questions for Robin? Okay. We'll move down to  
11 number 7A. The reading of the minutes of last  
12 month's regular meeting and any special-called  
13 meeting will not be required since all commissioners  
14 have been furnished copies in advance. The minutes  
15 are public record and are available for review in  
16 the Commission office. The minutes are included in  
17 the consent agenda.

18 Don, do you want to go over our consent  
19 agenda and I'll entertain a motion to approve our  
20 consent agenda?

21 MR. TOWNSEND: All right. The consent  
22 agenda tonight includes approval of the agenda as  
23 amended, the approval of previous meeting minutes.  
24 We have a proclamation for the National Home Care  
25 Month, November 1st through the 30th, Family



1 Literacy Day, November 1st, Great American  
2 Smokeout, recognition of that day on  
3 November 17th. And most importantly, the Lady  
4 Wolverines Fast Pitch Softball Team designation of  
5 the week of November 11th through the 17th.  
6 Ordinance number 12-06-12 imposing excise tax on  
7 sale, use, storage and consumption of energy, the  
8 first reading tonight and a resolution disposing of  
9 surplus property proposed of five county vehicles as  
10 stated earlier in the meeting.

11 MR. RUMLEY: Any questions pertaining  
12 to the consent agenda? If not, I'll entertain a  
13 motion to approve the consent agenda as presented by  
14 Mr. Townsend.

15 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we  
16 approve the consent agenda as read.

17 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

18 MR. CERVELLI: Second.

19 MR. GOFF: Second.

20 MR. RUMLEY: I've got two seconds.  
21 Close enough. I'll call a vote. Mr. Cervelli?

22 MR. CERVELLI: Yes.

23 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Goff?

24 MR. GOFF: Yes.

25 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Pittman?



1 MR. PITTMAN: Yes.

2 MR. RUMLEY: Mr. Smith?

3 MR. SMITH: Yes.

4 MR. RUMLEY: The chair votes yes.

5 Okay. All right. We're down to citizens -- I  
6 started to say precipitation. Anyone want to come  
7 up and talk to us? Have we got a library report  
8 today? I just have seen you back there.

9 MS. SHARP: I just want to thank y'all  
10 for participating in the -- at the trick or treat  
11 alley and I thank everybody that came out. We  
12 had -- Debbie, do you want to add anything to it?  
13 Debbie, I think you're going to give a report on it  
14 and talk about it. I want to thank everybody that  
15 came out.

16 We are having a finance class  
17 December 6th. It's a lunch and learn. It starts  
18 at 12:30. If anybody wants to take a class on --  
19 they're going to do it on credit fraud and scams  
20 that are going on and it's free. Just call the  
21 library to register. They just need to know how  
22 many, but they are going to feed y'all for lunch.  
23 It's through United Way. It's through a grant they  
24 have. And also Monday night, McDonald's is doing  
25 McLibrary night and 25 percent of every order from

1 4:00 to 7:00 goes to the library, so we're trying to  
2 raise funds for that. But we're doing well, lots of  
3 people using the library, still upset we're closed  
4 two days, but we're working on that and things are  
5 going good. Do y'all have any questions?

6 MR. RUMLEY: We talked -- Ms. Eubanks  
7 came over and talked about the meeting in Walker  
8 County.

9 MS. SHARP: Yes. That's coming up and  
10 you're going to get to come to it. Yeah. Then  
11 you'll find out more. We had a great turnout. I  
12 think we had over 1,500 at list. We counted over  
13 1,200 that come through the library and some people  
14 turned around because the line was so long. And  
15 Scottie knows because he was in line.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Robert had blisters on his  
17 fingers.

18 MS. SHARP: We've heard nothing but the  
19 children have loved it, so y'all -- everybody did a  
20 great job.

21 MR. RUMLEY: Debbie, do you have  
22 anything from our Chamber?

23 MS. TINKER: I do want to thank  
24 everyone for coming out. There's quite a few of  
25 y'all, we understand why you weren't there that

1 night. You had bigger plans and congratulations to  
2 y'all. We appreciate all the businesses that  
3 partnered with us and I hope I didn't miss anyone in  
4 the newspaper, but we plan to do the same type event  
5 on December 8th is our annual Christmas parade.  
6 So after that or really during that from 5:00 to  
7 8:30, we plan having an event over in the park. The  
8 library will be partnering with us and hopefully  
9 some more corporate sponsors. But we hope everybody  
10 will come out. We'll have a bonfire, coffee, hot  
11 chocolate. We hope to have vendors. They'll be  
12 taking up toys for tots from the sheriff's office,  
13 just several different things. Just keep an eye on  
14 the paper because we're in the planning right now.  
15 It was a really -- we appreciate everybody.

16 MR. RUMLEY: Thank y'all. John, we do  
17 have John Deffenbaugh here tonight. He's actually a  
18 candidate for our state legislator.

19 MR. DEFFENBAUGH: Just this voting next  
20 Tuesday. I'm looking forward to doing that service.  
21 That office needs a representative. I know a lot of  
22 you now from serving on the Commission earlier and I  
23 just want to make a difference and I think I can  
24 make more of a difference as a Republican. I can  
25 make more changes positively as a Republican as I

1 can as a Democrat, so keep that in mind. I'm  
2 working for smaller government, more physical  
3 responsibility and more personal responsibility by  
4 the people and the citizens. So vote next Tuesday,  
5 please.

6 MR. RUMLEY: Thank you, John. Anyone  
7 else want to come up and talk to us tonight?  
8 Anything on your mind you want to talk about? If  
9 not, I just want to say again how proud we are of  
10 you people. We really are. I'm speaking for all of  
11 Dade County and our commissioners. Just it's so  
12 good to see a young group. You're a bunch of  
13 winners. And hopefully as you go off to college,  
14 you know, and as you get older, you'll want to come  
15 back to Dade County and that's our job to make sure  
16 we've got a place for you to come back to and work.  
17 We assure you we're working on that. Hopefully, you  
18 know, as you do get older, don't move away from us.  
19 You need to stay close to home, stay close to mom  
20 and daddy. There's no place like home. You'll see  
21 that one day. As you get older -- I know I sound  
22 like an old fuddy duddy, but I'm telling you, when  
23 you get out in life, you'll find there's no place  
24 like home.

25 MR. CERVELLI: I am not moving back to

1 New York.

2 MR. RUMLEY: See. But really and  
3 truthfully, we appreciate it and we appreciate all  
4 of y'all coming. Try and come back to our meeting.  
5 I couldn't believe how -- most of you didn't even  
6 know where we met, this building, but there's a lot  
7 of things that you don't realize what we do and what  
8 the County Commission or the governing body of your  
9 county does, but try to come back because it's  
10 important. We make decisions that could affect your  
11 lives and your children's and grandchildren's lives  
12 here. I'm not going to go into detail, but if  
13 you -- sometime when you're on the computer -- I  
14 know most of you probably have a computer, but if  
15 you Google the commissioners and what your  
16 commissioners are responsible for doing in the  
17 county, I think you'll see what I'm talking about.  
18 Try to come back and see us. We meet the first  
19 Thursday of the month. And parents, too, please.  
20 We're a public service. That's what we do.

21 Anyone want to comment?

22 MR. GOFF: The only thing, Ted, I would  
23 like to say -- I guess I'm tooting the horn of the  
24 athletics of the high school. Sometimes people  
25 think I'm on the Board of Education, I guess.



1 MR. RUMLEY: You toot a lot.

2 MR. GOFF: But tomorrow night is our  
3 final home game of the session for the high school  
4 football team. We have one more at Model next week,  
5 but tomorrow night is senior night. So these three  
6 seniors with all of our other seniors will be lined  
7 up. So come and watch if you get an opportunity,  
8 tomorrow night 7:30, Dade County High School.

9 MR. RUMLEY: Okay. Anyone else got  
10 anything to say? If not, I'll entertain a motion to  
11 adjourn. Do I hear a motion?

12 MR. PITTMAN: I make a motion we  
13 adjourn.

14 MR. RUMLEY: Do I hear a second?

15 MR. SMITH: Second.

16 MR. RUMLEY: All in favor, say aye.

17 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

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19 END OF MEETING

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